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To:

Members of the Amenities Committee
and remainder of the Council for information

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7 February 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

A Meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** will be held at **The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe on Monday next, 13 February 2006**, at 8.00 pm, when your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 January 2006.
3. To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. The nature of the interest must be specified.
4. Public Participation Period.
5. Vandalism Report – 20 December 2005 to 31 January 2006.
6. Notes of the meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 7 February 2006.
7. Acceptance of the tender for play equipment at Ewart Recreation Ground.
8. Youth Shelter update. (Minute 336/05).
9. Provision of dog waste bins at Tates Copse Dog Park and Langdown Lawn Play Area.
10. Prospect Place – Erosion of shore line.
11. Public Open Space at the rear of The Grove.
12. Young Sports Person of the Year award.
13. Any other urgent business concerning the Committee.



HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA NOTES

AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 13 February 2006

Item 5 Vandalism Report – 20 December 2005 – 31 January 2006

The following is a list of vandalism suffered by the Parish Council for the period shown.

CHEVIOT DRIVE / ASHBURTON CLOSE

An amount of household rubbish was dumped on the amenity land. This has since been removed by the maintenance team. The cost includes labour.

Cost to the Council £15.00

FOREST FRONT OPEN SPACE

A padlock securing a gate onto the area was cut. This has since been replaced with a stronger lock as reported to the Committee as part of the last vandalism report.

Cost to the Council £38.00

A separate lock that was used to secure the access to the Nature Reserve from the A326 was cut and a large amount of rubbish was fly tipped in the gateway.

This has since been removed and the matter has been reported to the police.

Cost to the Council £213.00. The price includes skip hire.

GRAFFITI

There have been three incidents of graffiti which have been removed by the maintenance team.

Cost to the Council £15.00

The total cost of vandalism to the Council for the period shown is £281.00. The total cost for this financial year is £1322.00 compared with £1645.00 at the same time last year.

Item 6 Notes of the meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 7 February 2006

The Play Equipment Working Party was held on Tuesday 7 February 2006. The notes from which will be circulated at this meeting.

Members are requested to make any relevant comments on the Working Party notes and it is recommended that the notes be adopted.

Item 7 Acceptance of the tender for play equipment at Ewart Recreation Ground

Tenders for the provision and installation of the play equipment at Ewart Recreation Ground were opened on Friday 3 February 2006 in the presence of the Deputy Clerk to the Council, the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor, Mr C Harrison (Chairman of the Amenities Committee) and Mrs M McLean (Chairman of the Play Equipment Working Party).

Five companies were invited to tender and the results were:-

Playsafe Playgrounds	£100,909
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Playsafe Playgrounds	£110,151
Wicksteed Leisure	£131,276.50
Sutcliffe Playgrounds – South West	£126,980
The Childrens Playground Company	Declined to tender

Wicksteed Leisure did not produce their tender as the specification stated.

The Childrens Playground Company declined to tender, stating that they were unable to supply the equipment as stated in the specification.

Playsafe Playgrounds, Playground Services and Sutcliffe Playgrounds – South West all quoted as per the specification.

The tender received from Playsafe Playgrounds is £100,909 and this amount includes a contingency of £4,805. The budget provision is £100,000 therefore it is recommended that the tender be accepted.

Item 8 Youth Shelter update (Minute 336/05)

This item is included on the agenda at the request of the committee.

Hythe Skate and Ride are to provide a shelter within the skate park in Jones Lane. This decision was taken after the request had been received by Inspector Kenna and Candy Huxham on behalf of the local young people.

The site that has been identified by Inspector Kenna is on land belonging to Hampshire County Council and is near to the Parish Hall (see attached map).

Consultation is taking place with the hall users and the hall caretakers and Hampshire County Council have been asked for their views. Depending on the responses received and this committee's views, consultation may be extended to the neighbouring residents.

Member's views are requested on the proposed location of the Youth Shelter. A decision on whether to proceed with the provision of a youth shelter will not be sought until the consultations are completed.

SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

Parish and town councils have a duty to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area, under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Item 9 Provision of dog waste bins at Tates Copse Dog Park and Langdown Lawn Play Area

Additional dog waste bins are needed at the above sites. Members are requested to approve the purchase of 2 dog waste bins at a cost of £185.66 each.

Item 10 Prospect Place - Erosion of shore line

As Members will be aware, an area within Prospect Place Open Space has been sectioned off. This is due to a small piece of subsidence close to the shoreline. The Parish Council is liaising with the New Forest District Council in order to obtain advice on the best way to rectify the problem.

Members will be kept informed of the progress and are asked to note the report.

Item 11 Public Open Space at the rear of The Grove

Documents have been received from the Council's solicitor for the S106 transfer of the above land – letter attached.

Members are asked to give consideration to the contents of the two paragraphs marked with an * which refer to the sea wall. It would appear that the developers are not prepared to undertake any further works to the sea wall and this means that it is unlikely that a return wall will be built. The consequences of not having a return wall are that if there is a flood, the grass, shrubs and trees could die. The financial consequence could be that any maintenance costs incurred as a result of the lack of a return sea wall would be irrecoverable.

Member's views are requested.

Item 12 **Young Sports Person of the year award**

Nominations have been requested for the above award and the closing date is Friday 17 February 2006. Members are asked to decide upon the membership of a working party to discuss the nominations and to decide the winner. Members of the working party last year were Mrs McLean, Mr Harrison and Mr Parkes.

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